

horse racing. When we were debating this same type of legislation Senator Labeledz asked Senator Hoagland, Senator Hoagland, had you been a senator when horse racing was legalized by the Legislature, how would you have voted? And it is in the record. Senator Hoagland responded, I would have voted against it. Several days later Senator Kilgarin offered an amendment to a bill that did away with all gambling on horse racing. And Senator Hoagland voted against that amendment. That is why I say I respect Senator Lamb and Senator Barrett because I believe what they spoke was their true philosophy and they are not carrying somebody else's philosophies for them, or their papers. We are going to have a bill before us, if we ever get to it this year, to lower the taxes on Ak-Sar-Ben. I'm wondering how many are going to vote for and against it. I'm...(microphone cut out)...district will vote to lower their taxes. Last year was my first year to serve on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. Again we had gambling wagering before us. One young man stood up and said he had to join Gamblers Anonymous because he had lost something like 10 or 12 thousand dollars on gambling. And he lost everything he had on gambling. When we asked him, what were you gambling on, he said, oh, horses. He had become poor from gambling on horses, something that is legal, something that nobody has ever, since I've been here, tried to make illegal. In regards to the poor being the ones that spend all of their money on gambling, I wouldn't know about that even though I represent the second lowest income per capita of the 49 legislative districts in the state. I think I go out to the race track about twice a year, when friends of mine will ask me to go with them. I never see a poor person walk up to the \$50 window and place a bet. They are always well dressed in blue pinstripe suits. The poor have a dream, they have a hope. It doesn't cost them \$2.00 to get in, and 75 cents to buy a program, and \$3.00 or \$6.00 for a table to sit down for a whole afternoon to watch a horse race. For a lousy 25 cents, a quarter, or a dollar the poor can have hope, they can have a dream, one day I might hit it big, one day I might. If you talk about video lotteries, I've seen the machines. The minimum bet is 25 cents. The minimum bet at a race track is \$2.00, and that is after you've paid several dollars, 4 or 5 dollars to get in and get the program so that you are able to bet. This idea of taking revenue from Ak-Sar-Ben and Atokad and all the other race tracks reminds me a great deal of Pilate.